

Lincoln in Next Phase of DPIA 06

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) reached a critical milestone in its industrial phase this week as the ship transited from Dry Dock Six at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) to Pier Bravo at Naval Base Kitsap.

Dry Dock Six was slowly flooded with sea water Dec. 18-19, and the ship got underway for the first time since September when Lincoln entered the dry dock.

The ship transited early morning Dec. 20 under rainy skies.

Capt. C.A. McCawley, Lincoln's Commanding Officer met with department heads and shipyard workers to discuss the progress of the ship's maintenance.

"It's a huge accomplishment on getting out of dry dock, and I thank you for it," he said. "We can now focus on getting major areas on the ship to come back to life. The move is a big milestone, but we are still a part of this project team.

"We need to focus on the team and our teamwork in an effort to complete this phase," McCawley said. "It's been a pleasure working with everyone in 2006, and I look forward to a great 2007."

Commander Hugh Huck, Lincoln's Chief Engineer, said that



Photo By MCSN Brandon Wilson

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72), moved out of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) Dry Dock Six in the early morning of Dec. 20. Lincoln is currently in Docked Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA).

having the ship back in the water is beneficial for everyone involved.

"We are on track and looking great," Huck said. "Now that we're in the water, we can use it to our advantage in a lot of systems testing."

The transfer from PSNS to Naval Base Kitsap marked the completion of the first milestone in getting the ship mission-ready by early 2007.

192 Lincoln Sailors Get Frocked

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Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) were advanced to the next highest pay grade in a frocking ceremony at the base gym at Naval Base Kitsap the afternoon of Dec. 21.

"We are here to recognize and congratulate 192 Lincoln sailors who are being advanced to third, second and first class petty officer," said Capt. C. A. McCawley, Lincoln's Commanding Officer, in his

speech at the ceremony.

Excitement was running high with the petty officers who were being frocked in front of family, friends and fellow shipmates.

"It's pretty exciting to be here today," said Fire Controlman 2nd Class Andrew B. Evans. "This was my fifth time taking the test. I wasn't even going to take it, because I was on leave for my son's birth, but my ship (USS Essex (LHD 2)) left it for me while they went out to sea"

The newly frocked petty officers were

warned by Capt. McCawley to expect more authority, responsibility and accountability from everyone on the ship.

"They will all look to you for leadership," he said.

"I made it on my first try, in my first year in the Navy. I'm looking forward to making second (class) on the first try in my second year," said Hodge.

The frockees are now authorized to assume the duty and to wear the uniform of a petty officer first, second or third class.



Local Stories

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Sends Holiday Greetings

FROM MCPON JOE R. CAMPA
Special to Penny Press

Diana and I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As you celebrate this joyous time please keep in mind that we need every one of you if we are to continue to succeed in the Global War on Terror. Stay safe. Drive safely. Take every precaution on duty and off. Take care of each other and your loved ones.

I've met so many of you in my brief time in office. And each one of you has left a lasting impression on me. I've spoken with

you in Iraq, Afghanistan, Norfolk, Great Lakes, San Diego, aboard ships at sea and stations ashore. You are members of the greatest Navy ever assembled, and you perform at a level we could have never foreseen just a decade ago.

You are the first line of homeland defense and you are the greatest deterrent to terrorism on the planet. You're stopping piracy and drug trafficking in the Caribbean and assisting nations in need. You are deckplate warriors and humanitarians. You are the world's finest Sailors and I couldn't be prouder.

There has never been a fleet as techni-

cally proficient, yet so varied in abilities. You are educated and fearless, compassionate and self-sacrificing. Thousands of you will spend this Christmas far from home, in defense of democracy and freedom. To those of you deployed, know that the rest of the Navy and the nation appreciate your dedication on our behalf.

And we appreciate the sacrifices made by the family members at home. Every one of you supporting a Sailor at sea or overseas is a patriot. Your important role in our daily mission cannot be overstated.

Enjoy your holidays, and please stay safe.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

All teams interested in joining must attend the Captain's meeting on January 10, 1200 at the Faultline Flicks in the Commons on NAVSTA Everett.

Sign your team up now by contacting Bill Gatlin, NAVSTA Everett's Sports Coordinator, at (425) 304-3935 or william.r.gatlin@navy.mil



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News

Keeping Sailors Safe On Duty, Off Duty

FROM FLTCM(SW/AW) JACQUINE DiROSA

Special to Penny Press

Pay close attention and I'll tell you one of the secrets that makes the Chief Petty Officer community work. We take care of each other. Regardless of egos, command structure, duty assignment, race, color or creed, we look out for one another. This doesn't mean an 'old boy' network of exchanging favors. It means that we ensure our shipmates are safe and help each other make the right choices. We know our inaction to correct each other can define our entire community, just as our actions define us individually.

We plan and train to respond to a wide range of emergencies every day throughout the Navy. Through all of the drills and exercises, it becomes common practice to watch out for our shipmates. This same philosophy should be inherent while off duty. During a drill, you wouldn't allow a shipmate to be unsafe. This awareness should also occupy your thoughts while off duty. Should an emergency occur while you are off duty, you should be just as prepared to respond and ensure the safety of those around you.

This same attitude towards safety should also carry over to other areas. We are above all else professionals and that means we strive to live up to standards. Some of those standards are developed by the Navy, some by our command and supervisors. We should be responsible for not only living up to those standards but enforcing them with our shipmates. Again, on or off duty, you shouldn't hesitate to help a shipmate adhere to standards. This is a tenet of being a shipmate and a leader.

Leadership is a cornerstone of life in the Navy. Whether through rank, position, title or other authority, we are an organization of leaders. The responsibility we bear as leaders mirrors our responsibility as shipmates. We are responsible for taking that new shipmate by the hand and showing him or her how it's done.

As a good shipmate, we take care to look out for that Sailor in your workspace who just checked onboard or the Sailor in your berthing who seems to have difficulty getting to his or her workspace on time. If any of the Sailors you are aware of are going down a path you wouldn't choose, take some time to point it out. If the circumstances call for it, take the matter to your chain of command. You may be the only one that can prevent a bad situation from getting worse.

Maybe you're the one who can call someone out for disrespecting another Sailor. Or you're the one who can keep a person who's had too much to drink from getting into the driver's seat. Maybe you're the one who can help a shipmate avoid a fight.

You don't need to get into everyone's business in order to be a good shipmate. Just don't ignore the situations that present themselves. The point is that sometimes you may be the answer to the problem just by being the only responsible one in the vicinity. You, alone, could be the difference between a Sailor momentarily exercising poor judgment and another death on the streets.

Looking out for your shipmates will ensure success for your command, division and yourself.



New Year's Eve Casino Night Celebration at Tremors on NAVSTA Everett on December 31st from 5 p.m to 1 a.m. Come enjoy casino games, free party favors, live DJ, appetizers, and a champagne toast at midnight. For more information call (425) 304-3919.

Last Words



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo by MCSN Justin Blake

The USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Color Guard presents the Colors during the opening ceremonies at the Seattle SuperSonic's Military Appreciation Night game on Friday.



Photo by MCSN Brandon Wilson

Electrician's Mate Fireman Drew Goranson, along with other Lincoln Sailors, enjoyed Christmas dinner on the Barge (APL 62). The holiday dinner was provided by Abe's food service professionals.

Editor's Top 10

Things you received for Christmas that you were not expecting ...

10. Atari
9. Your two front teeth, 10 years too late.
8. Tickle Me Elmo.
7. Complete series of Alf on VHS.
6. Tickets to see Celine Dion.
5. Pink bunny suit.
4. 60-inch black and white TV.
3. "Going South" two CD set.
2. Furby.
1. Ricky Williams' Dolphin's jersey.